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ABSTRACT:

Multilayer record carrier and device for scanning said carrier.

A record carrier provided with at least two parallel information layers (20, 21) suitable to be scanned by means of a single scanning head is described. Each information layer is provided with a control block (26, 31) in which information is stored which can be used for reading the user information stored in this information layer. The control blocks are placed in the record carrier in such a way that they can be sequentially read by means of a scanning device, with a minimum displacement of the scanning head. The user information may be stored in a first format in the first information layer, and the same user information may be stored in a second format in a second information layer. The first format may be a low-density structure and the second format may be a high-density structure.